(d) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) and (d) The Government as well as Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has always maintained that Limited Mobility [WLL(M)] and Cellular mobility are different. The TRAI is a recommendatory body and noted the clarifications provided by Department of Telecommunications for not restricting technology subject to other effective measures, if required.

(c) The following features provided by M/s Reliance Infocomm Ltd. in 2003, blurred the distinction between mobility of WLL (M) and Cellular Mobile Services;

(i) Over the air activation/authentication of the subscriber wireless access terminal outside one SDCA by pressing/punching certain keys/ numbers such "444N".

(ii) Use of the same subscriber wireless acess terminal in more than one SDCA.

(iii) Multiple registration or temporary subscriber facilities in more than one SDCA using the same subscriber terminal in wireless access systems.

(d) M/s Reliance Infocomm Ltd. was asked not to provide the above features.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Development of bamboo based plywood industries of NER

2151. SHRI VIJAY DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request for channelising funds through North East Council for promotion/development of bamboo

based plywood industries for replacement of wood by bamboo in industrial units of North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the funds are to be placed with the North Eastern Council?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) A Memorandum addressed to Union Finance Minister and Union Minister of Commerce for the development of wood/bamboo based industries in North Eastern Region was received from the Federation of North Eastern Wood Based Industries which requested *inter alia*, to earmark Rs. 300 crore for the North Eastern Council (NEC) and extension of certain benefits to the wood based industries in the NE Region such as provision of funds for machineries for conversion of bamboo into wood, working capital etc. Generally, funds are not allocated to the NEC under its Annual Plans for specific schemes. The NEC has however supported a few industrial units for substituting wood by bamboo.

Projects Reports by NE States

2152. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have failed to cope up with the pressure to examine the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) submitted by the NE States due to lack of technical manpower and increasing workload;

(b) if so, the steps Government have initiated to make the Ministry a full-fledged one;

(c) whether it is a fact that a proposal for creation of a Technical Cell in the Ministry has been submitted to the Ministry of Finance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and by when the proposed Technical Cell will come into force?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) No madam. The Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of proposals under consideration for sanction from Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) are examined by the Ministry in